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1. RE REF A, DRAFT SCENARIO AS PRESENTLY WORKED OUT WITH MFA AND PRESIDENCY OFFICIALS SUBMITTED IN REF B IN ORDER BE ON HAND OOB TODAY. SADAT HAS NOT RPT NOT YET APPROVED SCHEDULE AND FONMIN KAMEL DID OT RPT NOT WISH TO TAKE IT UP WITH HIM YESTERDAY. IF PAST EXPERIENCE IS ANY GUIDE, SADAT WILL HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GENERAL SCHEDULE, BUT TIMES FOR MEETING WITH HIM COULD SHIFT. HE HAS OFTEN SHIFTED TIMES AT LAST MINUTE. IT IS ONE OF THE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS OF CAIRO THAT VIP SCENARIOS ARE SELDOM FINALIZED UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. WE EXPECT BE ABLE SEND FINALIZED SCENARIO TO SECRETARY'S PARTY IN JERUSALEM SUNDAY.

2. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT DRAFT SCENARIO ALLOWS FOR TWO DEPARTURE CONTINGENCIES: EITHER LATE AUGUST 8 OR MORNING OF AUGUST 9. EGYPTIANS ARE PLANNING FOR AUGUST 9 SCENARIO AND SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT TWO SETS OF MEETINGS WITH KAMEL AND SADAT ARE DESIRABLE. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE TWO SETS OF MEETINGS WOULD BE USEFUL. IT IS NOT SO MUCH A
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MATTER OF WHAT KAMEL SAYS, BUT A SECOND MEETING WITH SADAT COULD BE OF IMPORTANCE. AT THE FIRST MEETING HE WILL WANT TO GET HIS CONCERNS OFF HIS CHEST AND IT MAY TAKE A SECOND MEETING BEFORE ONE CAN GET DOWN TO BRASS TACKS WITH HIM ON WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.

3. AS IS CUSTOMARILY THE CASE, WE HAVE NO CLEAR INDICA-

TION YET FROM EGYPTIANS AS TO WHO WILL PARTICIPATE ON THEIR SIDE IN THE TALKS. IN TALKS WITH KAMEL, AHMED MAHER (HIS CHEF DU CABINET), AND USAMA AL BAZ (MFA UNDERSEC SECONDED TO PRESIDENCY) WILL PROBABLY BE THERE. IF MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI GOES TO ALEXANDRIA, HE WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE. AS OF LAST EVENING, HOWEVER, GHALI SAID HE HAD NO INDICATION OF WHETHER HE WILL BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE. FOR TALKS WITH SADAT, EGYPTIAN SIDE WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE VICE PRESIDENT HOSNI MUBARAK, FONMIN KAMEL, PERHAPS PRIMIN SALEM AND PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL. MAHER AND/OR AL BAZ MAY BE PRESENT TO TAKE NOTES. WE WILL TRY TO NAIL THIS DOWN, BUT EGYPTIANS ARE UNLIKELY MAKE THEIR DECISIONS UNTIL LAST MINUTE.

4. I PLAN LEAVE FOR ALEXANDRIA TOMORROW, AUGUST 5. FONMIN KAMEL WILL DO SO FOLLOWING DAY. PLEASE REPEAT ANY MESSAGES REQUIRING ACTION BY ME TO ALEXANDRIA. EILTS

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